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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.